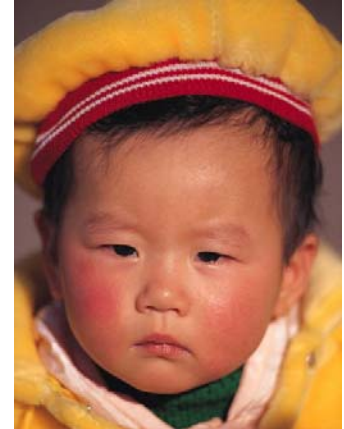


KDHE Releases 25 Most Popular Baby Names

Aiden has hung on for a second year as the most popular boys' name given to newborns by Kansas parents in 2005. The trend for Celtic and English boys names continues with names such as -- Aiden, Kaden, Conner, Dylan and Logan included in the top 25. Emma occupies the top spot on the girls' list for the third year running. Hailey, Emily, Kaitlyn and Madison join Emma in the top five.

This information was prepared by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Division of Health's Center for Health and Environmental Statistics. The lists are derived from birth certificate information which the Center's Office of Vital Statistics keeps on file.

Dropping off the list of 25 most popular girls' names were Katherine, Kylie, Sarah and Sydney. Joining the list were Ashley, Ava, Isabella and Natalie. Leaving the list of 25 most popular boys' names were Austin, John, Ryan and Samuel. Joining the list were Daniel, Gabriel, Joseph and Mason.



Popular baby names are one of the more regularly requested items produced by the Center's Office of Health Care Information. While the list reflects popular culture and names frequently used in the media, other information from birth certificates and other vital records stored with the Center's Office of Vital Statistics is used to gauge health trends in the state.

The popular baby names list and a compilation of data from vital records, the *Annual Summary of Vital Statistics*, are available on the KDHE Web site at: <http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us/hci/>. Basic customized statistics can be found at the KIC (Kansas Information for Communities) Web site: <http://kic.kdhe.state.ks.us/kic/>.

The Office of Health Care Information also prepares special data analyses on a fee-for-service basis.

Below is the complete list:

TOP 25 NAMES GIVEN TO BABIES BORN TO KANSAS RESIDENTS IN 2005

(Alternate spellings of the same name are included in the counts)

RANK	GIRLS	COUNT	BOYS	COUNT
1	EMMA	267	AIDEN	321
2	HAILEY	254	JACOB	272
3	EMILY	238	ETHAN	245
4	KAITLYN	235	KADEN	218
5	MADISON	225	BRAYDEN	217
6	ABIGAIL	215	JOSHUA	200
7	OLIVIA	203	CONNOR	193
8	HANNAH	181	CALEB	191
9	KAYLEE	179	ANDREW	182
10	RILEY	164	JACKSON	180
11	GRACE	158	JOSEPH*	178

12	ALEXIS	155	MICHAEL	176
13	MADELINE	155	TYLER	167
14	ALYSSA	152	DYLAN	167
15	ELIZABETH	144	LOGAN	165
16	AVA*	138	DANIEL*	165
17	BRIANNA	137	ALEXANDER	159
18	MACKENZIE	137	ZACHARY	154
19	MAKAYLA	137	NATHAN	153
20	SOPHIA	134	NICHOLAS	152
21	ASHLEY*	130	WILLIAM	147
22	NATALIE*	128	JAYDEN	147
23	LAUREN	126	MASON*	146
24	ISABELLA*	124	GABRIEL*	146
25	ANNA	120	MATTHEW	146

***Names that moved into the top 25 from the previous year**

Names that dropped out of the top 25 from the previous year:

GIRLS

KATHERINE
KYLIE
SARAH
SYDNEY

BOYS

AUSTIN
JOHN
RYAN
SAMUEL

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GIRLS

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NATALIE

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JOSEPH
MASON

The name with the largest number of spellings (34) was Kaylee.